

***Business Area # 1:  
East Cambridge/Galleria***

***Boundaries:*** bordered by Somerville, the Charles River, and the B&A Railroad

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: The Galleria, Restaurants and retail shops on First Street, restaurants and retail shops on Cambridge Street between #1 and #700, industrial and retail establishments on Bent, Binney, Hurley, and Thorndike Streets.



*Cambridgeside Galleria*

The five **commercial robberies** in the East Cambridge/Galleria section during the first six months of 2002 should be considered an anomaly. The robbery of businesses in this area had been on a downward spiral since the mid 1990s with only two incidents reported between 1995 and 1999. Three of the five holdups occurred on weekends in March at the Galleria Mall. In two of the incidents, strong-arm tactics were employed on push cart vendors to steal cash from their register. A jewelry store was also victimized at the Galleria. Weapons were not shown in any of these crimes. The Dunkin Donuts on Third Street was robbed in January when the suspect threw coffee in the clerk's face, jumped over the counter and rifled the cash register. A Sunday morning stickup of a Cambridge Street variety store in February involved two suspects brandishing a shotgun and knives. This spree of crimes appears to have been curtailed with nary an incident reported over the past 100 days.

**Larceny from buildings** fell 13% in Business District #1 in 2001 and continues to decline with a 30% reduction recorded over the first six months of 2002. A Charlestown resident was arrested in June and linked to the theft of a number of laptops from local research and software firms. Four distinct scenarios dominate the larceny from building totals for this section of the City. The scenarios are: the theft of employees property from the rear of stores at the Galleria, power tools stolen from construction sites, the pilfering of cash and credit cards from lockers at local health clubs, and the aforementioned laptop theft from hi-tech firms. • The total of **shoplifting** (-23%) arrests dropped from 103 reports during the first two quarters of last year to 79 for the first six months of 2002. Arrests by private security at two or three of the anchor stores at the Galleria Mall dominate shoplifting statistics for this area.

CRIME	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2001	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2002	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	62	43	-30%
Larceny from Person	29	15	-48%
Commercial Burglary	11	14	-27%
Commercial Robbery	1	5	+400%
Shoplifting	103	79	-23%
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	42	48	+14%